IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

May 26, 2009

Mail Stop _____ Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

The Applicant submits this paper as a submission to accompany a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is responsive to the final Office Action dated December 24, 2008. The shortened statutory period for filing a response expired on March 24, 2009. To file a response in a timely manner, the Applicant, a small entity, also submits a payment of \$245.00 for a two-month extension of time to extend the expiration of the period for filing a response to May 26, 2009 (May 24, 2009 falling on a Sunday, and May 25, 2009 falling on Memorial Day, a Federal holiday). For the Examiner's convenience:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 56 of this paper.